

**Agency Activity Inventory**  
**by Agency**  
**Appropriation Period: FY 2008-09**

**Agency:** R04 - Public Service Commission

**Functional Group:** Transportation & Regulatory

**1319 Utility Regulation**

The PSC regulates and monitors rates and charges, services, facilities, and practices of electric, gas, telecommunications, water, and wastewater investor owned utilities, hazardous waste carriers, and certain transportation companies, through judicial proceedings before the Commission. The PSC has jurisdiction over 4 electric utilities, 3 natural gas utilities, 2,004 telecommunications utilities, and 27 water/wastewater utilities. The functions of the PSC are outlined in Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 58 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the conditions for economic growth

**Strategy:** Provide for a reasonable and safe business regulatory environment.

**FY 2008-09**

<b>Total</b>	<b>General Funds</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Health / Non-Recurring</b>	<b>CRF</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>FTEs</b>
\$3,257,541	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,257,541	28.00

**Other Fund - Subfund No & Title:**

**Budgetary Program No.:** I

**Expected Results:**

Hold hearings for applications to adjust rates and charges for all investor owned regulated utilities. Issue Orders to all privately owned natural gas utilities. Monitor allowed rates of return for electric companies. Examine fuel costs and plant operations during annual Commission reviews. Oversee rights and territorial issues of unassigned areas. Consider applications for Certificates under the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act and the Base Load Review Act. Study and monitor electric restructuring. Grant certificates to new water utilities. Docket all matters that come before the Commission. Transcribe testimony in hearings. Issue certificates to carriers of hazardous waste for disposal. Issue certificates of public convenience and necessity to transportation carriers.

**Outcome Measures:**

Commission issued 925 Orders. A total of 466 new dockets were filed and 6,670 matters were filed on DMS. Commission held 70 standard hearings, 20 expedited hearings, and 12 hearings by examiners and officers for a total of 102 hearings. The Commissioners held 47 meetings. Past orders were archived.

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**1321 Administration**

The Administration program directs the daily operation and administration of the agency, prepares and monitors the annual

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operating budget, oversees agency's fiscal matters, manages the local area network and website, provides desktop computer support, and manages human resources, and is responsible for the assessment of regulated utilities.

**Statewide Result Area:** Improve the conditions for economic growth

**Strategy:** Administration

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\$971,767	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$971,767	10.00

**Other Fund - Subfund No & Title:**

**Budgetary Program No.:** I

**Expected Results:**

Maintain and expand public access to Commission records and proceedings by making available calendars, notices, agendas, orders, and publications, on line and on-site. Complete development of annual budget on time.

**Outcome Measures:**

DMS consistently utilized by Commission to provide daily filing information for the Commission's use, in addition to full use by the public. DMS relied upon by entities who appear before the Commission as a source of current information such as pending applications and petitions and deadlines for filing information such as prefiled testimony and affidavits of publication. E-tariff filing fully implemented for use by telephone, gas, and electric utilities. Archived Commission orders continue to be scanned and made a part of the DMS. PSC Advisory Committee meets regularly. Revisions to all PSC regulations to conform to Act 175 completed at the end of the 2008 legislative session.

**AGENCY TOTALS**

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<b>TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>
\$4,229,308	\$0	\$0	\$4,229,308
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH/NON-RECURRING FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>	<b>TOTAL FTEs</b>
	\$0	\$0	38.00